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SUBJECT: 327TH AIR DIVISION AND TAIPEI AIR STATION

REF: (A) TAIPEI 5945; (B) TAIPEI 5922

1. MESSAGE CONCERNING DEACTIVATION OF 327TH AIR DIVISION AND RELATED SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AT TAIPEI AIR STATION REMAINS AT NSC. AS RESULT OF OUR URGING, IT WAS RECENTLY REFERRED TO GEN. SCOWCROFT FOR DECISION, AS WERE A NUMBER OF OTHER CASES RELATING TO MILITARY SALES TO THE ROC.

2. WE WELCOME INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REF B ON PROBABLE EFFECTS OF REMOVAL OF 327TH AIR DIVISION ON MILITARY POPULATION IN TAIPEI, BUT ARE DISTURBED BY INDICATION THAT ACTUAL NUMBER OF MEN WITHDRAWN FROM TAIPEI AS RESULT CLOSURE OF TAIPEI AIR STATION WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN ANTICIPATED. WE INTEND TO PRESS ;ERE FOR RETENTION ON TAIWAN OF ONLY THE DOZEN OR SO PERSON;EL WHO ARE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE ROC'S AOC

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AND WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM YOUR END IN

ACHIEVING THIS GOAL. ONE OF OUR ASSUMPTIONS IS THAT
AS MILITARY POPULATION IN TAIPEI REDUCED, PROVOST
MARSHALL'S OFFICE, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER SUCH

ACTIVITIES COULD ALSO BE CUT TO REFLECT REDUCED WORKLOAD.

3. TO FACILITATE PLANNING OF FUTURE POSSIBLE REDUC-
TIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORT TO DEVELOP PROFILE
OF CURRENT US MILITARY PRESENCE ON TAIWAN OTHER THAN
SHU LIN KOU BY ACTIVITY AS WELL AS BY UNIT. WE WOULD
PARTICULARLY WELCOME BREAK-DOWN OF SUCH FUNCTIONS AS
NON-APPROPRIATED FUND ACTIVITIES, SECURITY, PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC. AND YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO UNITS OR FUNCTIONS
WHICH ARE PRIME CANDIDATES FOR TRIMMING OR REMOVAL. KISSINGER

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